

# READY FOR WORK.

**Police Investigators Say No Power  
Can Call Them Off.**

## DR. PARKHURST'S STAND.

**He Tells Just How His Society  
Will Aid the Inquiry.**

## COL. HICKOK HAS EVIDENCE.

**It Deals with Police Blackmail for Side-  
walk Obstruction Privileges.**

## MR. CHOLETT WILL NOT BE COUNSEL.

The Sub-Committee of the Legislative Senate Committee of Investigation met yesterday. The meeting served to clear the air and define the situation wholly.

Mr. Smith, President of the Chamber of Commerce, very clearly explained to the committee the attitude of the body which he represents, and Dr. Parkhurst made equally clear the feeling of his society and incidentally of the larger public.

Mr. Smith explained that the Chamber of Commerce is interested in good government as a necessary condition of business prosperity. The Chamber is, therefore, especially hostile to the proposed Platt-Croker deal for a four-headed, bipartisan Police Commission. In common with all other ordinarily sensible citizens, the members of the Chamber have observed that a commission of that sort is an agency for the prostitution of the police power to evil and selfish partisan purposes, detrimental in every way to the city and its people. It wants the police system organized with an eye single to the proper discharge of police duty. It desires it to be used solely for legitimate police work. Incidentally, Mr. Smith pointed out some of the historic perversions of police authority, and referred to other abuses, foreign in their nature to the matters with which the Chamber of Commerce concerns itself.

With regard to these, he said, the Chamber was not disposed to enter into an investigation, but concerning matters more appropriate to the duties of a Chamber of Commerce he was prepared to offer assistance. He mentioned several witnesses who could give the committee guidance in dealing with this part of the subject.

Dr. Parkhurst also cleared up matters a good deal in a little speech. He very courteously but very frankly explained that his society and the public generally were in some doubt as to the purpose of the committee. Its commission, he said, might be to investigate the Police Department, or it might be to investigate his own and other investigations of the Police Department. The committee's own interpretation, he said, seemed to be that latter one. He and his society were prepared to render all possible assistance to an investigation of the Police Department. They were not willing to help at all in an investigation of the other kind.

## FRANK ADMISSION OF INVESTIGATE.

Dr. Parkhurst further frankly explained the distrust felt of the committee. He said that they could not forget the course of other committees of like kind, and the memory was not of a character to encourage confidence now until events should show what the present committee intended. Senator Bradley gave point to Dr. Parkhurst's utterance by remarking that he understood the reference to be to the Passett Committee, and that so far as he had influence there should be no Passett business in this case. This remark had much of the effect of a bombshell.

Then arose Col. Hickok to offer the committee proofs of police blackmail whenever it should be ready to make a searching inquiry into that branch of the subject. But he seemed to be in doubt of the existence of any such intention. This was another bombshell, or at least a cannon crack of very large size.

The meeting was a very profitable one. It made perfectly clear to the committee the nature and the grounds of the distrust felt. It gave to the committee an opportunity to remove the distrust if its purposes, as Chairman Lexow declared, are to do its work solely in the interest of good administration, and to push its search to the bottom.

Mr. Lexow frankly admitted that the committee had come hither under the impression that Big Dick was to try to make demands of the police, formulated and presented to him. The result of yesterday's meeting was to clear up that misapprehension.

## FEW PEOPLE PRESENT.

The members of the sub-committee, Messrs. Lexow, Robertson and Breckinridge, entered Parlor G. of the Hotel Metropole in reverse order; Bradley, the Democrat, first; Robertson, the Republican, second; and Breckinridge, the Independent, third.

There were more chats than spectators in the room, and the reporters outside the door, the spectators and the

United States Marshal John W. Jacobson from a chair in the front row watched the proceedings closely from beginning to end. He said he had been called to speak to Dr. Parkhurst—not to speak to him, simply to look at him. He said he had never before seen the Doctor before, and that he had never seen him since.

In other chairs were Mr. Parkhurst, Mr. Smith, of the Chamber of Commerce; Gustav H. Schwab, Comptroller; Jake Hoss, the gay-wheeler man whom most vivid recollections are connected with the Ed S. Stiles trial; Chairman Lexow, called on Mr. Smith to be the President of the Chamber of Commerce.

## PRESIDENT SMITH EXPLAINS.

"I am sorry to say that Mr. Chase, after grave consideration of all the circumstances, has decided to withdraw his name from the list of candidates for the office of Mayor. He said he could not attend to it on account of the February engagements he had to fill. He said he was bound in honor to keep his word with all others, and he gave me his answer after all the persuasion I could put upon him."

"He did not arrive at this conclusion until late Saturday evening, and he had been working very steadily, in order to be able to provide other names for your consideration, but that would not be asked you to do, and I am sure we would be very glad to see your committee in its investigation, that they are very generally under the impression that the name of Mr. Chase is the best, and for this investigation will be insufficient."

To this Mr. Smith agreed, clasped his hands behind his back, and, standing in front of a rather quaint picture of an oil-

painting belle at her bath—a picture that did not look at all well.

## DR. PARKHURST'S STATEMENT.

"Sir, President, the exceedingly kind and considerate way in which you have treated us, and the open way in which you have invited suggestions on our part, has given me a great deal of confidence in dealing with similar franchises and franchises."

"There are two contracts, one of

agreement in which can be placed, the other of a general contract, the duration of one of these franchises, upwards

and upwards, towards which

the consent of the gentleman to serve

as witness would be waste of time to

go through the matter as we have with

Col. Hickok."

"I think it is due to you and to the public that I should state exactly the position that the Chamber of Commerce takes in this matter, which will be very brief, and in order to be brief and that I may not be misunderstood, I have reduced the statement to this:

"Mr. Smith then read this statement:

## ATTITUDE OF THE CHAMBER.

"It has been the practice of the Chamber of Commerce to assist in the promotion of the public welfare, and to help and aid the public in its investigations, as far as they affect the well-being of our State and City, and especially those which are of a political nature.

"It came to our knowledge that there had been introduced into the Legislature and referred to the Committee on Cities and Towns a bill to amend the Police Commissioners Act, which would have given authority to the Police Department to prosecute for the prevention of Crime, had any indictment against the Police Department, Mr. Smith, the Attorney General, and I spoke to the Society for the Prevention of Crime, said no."

COMMITTEE MUST NOT FIGHT.

"On the other line, the other construction which it is possible to put upon your functions, and which is to put them with the Police Department, I think that the position you take is that the investigation of the Police Department in our opinion, and that the department must be consulted before any action is taken, and that the duty of appointing election inspectors should be transferred to a committee.

TO TESTIFY AS EXPERTS.

"We shall respectfully ask you to take such testimony as will afford the basis for the action of one head or four for this department.

"We suggest that you call as witnesses

Colonel Hickok, a man well acquainted with the Police Department, and with your department, and with young permission, we may add other names that may prove of service to you in the performance of your duties."

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